

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

The following is a complete listing of the claims:

1-40. (Cancelled)

41. (New) A method for sending trade orders to buy or sell a tradeable object at an electronic exchange, the method comprising:

receiving, by a computer device, a first user command from a user input device to place a cursor over a location corresponding to a first price level on a trading screen; and subsequently,

establishing, by the computer device, an association between the cursor and the first price level responsive to placing the cursor over the first price level; and subsequently,

updating the trading screen, by the computer device, such that the location on the trading screen no longer corresponds to the first price level; and subsequently,

maintaining, by the computer device, the association between the cursor and the first price level; and subsequently,

receiving, by the computer device, a second user command from the user input device to send a trade order for a tradeable object in an order message to an electronic exchange, wherein the order message comprises the first price level in accordance with the association; and

sending, by the computer device, the order message to the electronic exchange responsive to the second user command.

42. (New) The method of claim 41, further comprising displaying a plurality of locations for receiving user commands from the user input device to send trade orders to the electronic exchange, such that selection of a location of the plurality of locations through a single action of the user input device will both set an order price parameter and send a trade order to the electronic exchange.

43. (New) The method of claim 42, wherein the user input device is a mouse comprising a mouse button and the single action is a single click of the mouse button.

44. (New) The method of claim 42, wherein the user input device is a mouse comprising a mouse button and the single action is more than one click of the mouse button.

45. (New) The method of claim 41, further comprising:
displaying a plurality of price levels arranged on the trading screen, wherein each of the plurality of price levels is based on current market data associated with the tradeable object, wherein displaying the plurality of price levels arranged on the trading screen comprises displaying only those price levels for which orders reside for the tradeable object at the electronic exchange.

46. (New) The method of claim 45, further comprising displaying price levels corresponding to orders to buy the tradeable object along a first column and displaying price levels corresponding to orders to sell the tradeable object along a second column.

47. (New) The method of claim 45, further comprising displaying price levels corresponding to orders to buy and orders to sell the tradeable object along a single column.

48. (New) The method of claim 45, further comprising displaying those price levels that correspond to an inside market at designated locations.

49. (New) The method of claim 45, wherein displaying the plurality of price levels arranged on the trading screen comprises displaying a last trade price for the tradeable object.

50. (New) The method of claim 45, wherein displaying the plurality of price levels arranged on the trading screen comprises displaying price levels along a static price axis.

51. (New) The method of claim 50, further comprising displaying a best bid indicator that represents a current highest bid price for the tradeable object and displaying a best ask indicator that represents a current lowest ask price for the tradeable object, wherein the best bid indicator and the best ask indicator can move relative to the static price axis when the inside market changes.

52. (New) The method of claim 50, wherein updating the trading screen comprises repositioning the static price axis upon receipt of new market data so that the price levels corresponding to an inside market are moved to designated locations along the static price axis.

53. (New) The method of claim 50, wherein updating the trading screen comprises repositioning the static price axis upon receipt of a repositioning command.

54. (New) The method of claim 53, further comprising receiving the repositioning command upon detecting a market moving outside a range of price levels displayed on the trading screen.

55. (New) The method of claim 41, wherein the trading screen is updated upon receipt of new market data.

56. (New) The method of claim 41, wherein the trading screen is updated upon receiving a repositioning command.

57. (New) The method of claim 41, further comprising associating the location with an (x,y) coordinate of the trading screen.

58. (New) The method of claim 41, further comprising associating the location with a plurality of (x,y) coordinates of the trading screen.

59. (New) The method of claim 41, wherein the plurality of (x,y) coordinates form a cell on the trading screen.

60. (New) The method of claim 41, further comprising:
receiving a third user command from the user input device to move the cursor away from the first price level; and subsequently,
breaking the association between the cursor and the first price level.

61. (New) The method of claim 41, wherein the second user command is a single action command.

62. (New) The method of claim 41, wherein the user input device is a mouse comprising a mouse button, and wherein the second user command is a single click.

63. (New) The method of claim 41, wherein the user input device is a mouse comprising a mouse button, and wherein the second user command is a double click.

64. (New) The method of claim 41, wherein maintaining the association comprises moving the cursor to a new location that corresponds to the first price level.

65. (New) The method of claim 41, wherein receiving the second user command comprises selecting a new location that corresponds to the first price level by the user input device with the cursor positioned over the new location at the time of selection.